

State of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Ben Brancel, Secretary

DATE:

June 24, 2015

TO:

Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM:

Ben Brancel, Secretary
Steve Ingham, Administrator, Division of Food Safety

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SUBJECT:

Update on Proposed Consolidation of Food Safety and Recreational Licenses

in Division of Food Safety

PRESENTED BY: Steve Ingham, Division of Food Safety

REQUESTED ACTION: None

At the July 15, 2015 Board meeting, the Division of Food Safety will report on the proposed transfer of regulatory authority for restaurants, lodging establishments, and certain recreational establishments from the Department of Health Services (DHS) to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The Governor's Budget proposed moving 35.0 Program Revenue-funded positions and just over \$3.4 million in program revenue from DHS to DATCP, and contained statutory language needed to consolidate the food safety and recreational license programs at DATCP. This budget proposal was passed in modified form by the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance. The report will provide an update on the budget provision and collaborative DHS / DATCP efforts to identify key tasks associated with the proposed program transfer.